Guidelines for submarine Cable Landing Station for International Gateways of Internet

1932. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared the coast of Gujarat as sensitive area in Clause 13 of the guidelines for setting up of submarine Cable Landing Station for International Gateways of Internet;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has requested the Union Government to review the guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if so, the decisions taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Union Government would take a decision on the matter at an appropriate time.

Clearance of Sample Parcels in Ahmedabad

1933. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the parcels containing electronic goods like CDs etc; received in the Foreign Parcel Post Office at Ahmedabad during the last three years;

(b) the number of such parcels cleared as sample parcels during the above period and the revenue collected by Government therefrom;

(c) the mechanism adopted by Government to accord clearance to sample Parcels;

(d) whether the device ensures that no under valuation of article is done; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The details of parcels containing electronic goods received at Foreign Parcel Post Office, Ahmedabad during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of parcels containing electronic goods received
1999	179
2000	200
2001	352

(b) The number of such parcels cleared as sample parcels during the above period are given in the table below. The revenue from sample parcels is Nil due to the reasons given in (c) below:

Year	No. of such parcels cleared as sample parcels	Revenue collected
1999	132	Nil
2000	120	Nil
2001	154	Nil

(c) Duty-free clearance is allowed for such parcels valued up to Rupees Five Thousand as provided under Customs notification No. 15494 dated 13.7.1994. However, the Suppliers' invoice showing value for the purpose of customs and indicating that the goods are samples and supplied free of cost, are obtained from addressees before the parcels are delivered. An undertaking regarding non-payment is also obtained from the addressee before release of the parcels.

(d) No such case of under valuation noticed at Foreign Post Office, Ahmedabad.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.